PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF THE **AUDITOR GENERAL**









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Auditor General DeFoor Releases Tobacco Settlement Fund Audits for 31 Health Care Facilities in 22 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced the release of tobacco settlement fund audits for 31 health care facilities in Allegheny, Beaver, Blair, Bucks, Cambria, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Jefferson, Lancaster, McKean, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Union, Warren Westmoreland and York counties.

"Our audits ensure hospitals have documentation to support the receipt of tobacco settlement funds before receiving reimbursement for uncompensated care," DeFoor said.

Reached in 1998, the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement settled state lawsuits brought against tobacco companies to recover costs associated with treating smoking-related illnesses. Pennsylvania's Tobacco Settlement Act (Act 77 of 2001) allocated some of the billions of dollars in settlement funds to reimburse hospitals for providing care to uninsured patients.

The audit reports are linked below or available online at www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Allegheny County

St. Clair Hospital

Heritage Valley Sewickley

UPMC East

UPMC Passavant

Beaver County

Heritage Valley Beaver

Blair County

UPMC Altoona

Bucks County

Doylestown Hospital

Cambria County

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center

Clinton County

UPMC Lock Haven

Columbia County

Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital

Cumberland County

UPMC Carlisle

Dauphin County

Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Delaware County

Crozer Chester Medical Center

Delaware County Memorial Hospital

Elk County

Penn Highlands Elk

Jefferson County

Penn Highlands Brookville

Lancaster County

UPMC Lititz

McKean County

Geisinger Community Medical Center

UPMC Kane

Montgomery County

Avenues Recovery Medical Center at Valley Forge

Suburban Community Hospital

Northampton County

St. Luke's Hospital, Anderson

Northumberland County

St. Luke 's Hospital, Easton

Philadelphia County

<u>Jefferson Health Northeast</u>

Kensington Hospital

Roxborough Memorial Hospital

Union County

Evangelical Community Hospital

Warren County

Warren General Hospital

Westmoreland County

Excela Health Frick Hospital

York County

Wellspan York Hospital

UPMC Hanover

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